

WELCOME TO TERM 3

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Each boy at his best.

Dear parents and caregivers

I trust the past two weeks have provided a respite for families within our community against the normal business associated with school life.

From various conversations, I know many have taken the opportunity to enjoy a 'winter break' while others have just eased back and 'chilled' indoors. As we begin again, we do so in the knowledge that we enter the 'premiership' quarter – a time when purpose and planning will need to be in the forefront of our minds as we juggle all that is anticipated. Collaboration and communication come to the fore at such times as we realise that what we can achieve is so affected by our willingness to work with others in the pursuit of shared aspirations. Attention to academic demands (our first among equals) amid a normal co-curricular life mixed with the reality of our ongoing high levels of absence through illness will demand more than usual from us all and we must prepare with that truth in mind.

Child Protection Policy

Our greatest priority at College is keeping boys safe and well. With that in mind, College has recently undertaken a voluntary, comprehensive audit of its Child Protection protocols and practices, led by Child Matters New Zealand. As always, our aim is to protect the wellbeing and safety of all students by utilising combined expertise and experience to ensure the best child protection practices are adhered to in the care of students and staff. As a result, here is our [updated policy](#). Training in child protection awareness has been enhanced for all staff and we now have Child Matters as a support organisation for all associated practice in this area. College is very well placed in comparison to many other schools because of the nature of our pastoral care service through Houses. The combination of Housemaster leadership and guidance and Mentor support is a very sound foundation, which is then supported by high levels of counselling availability

Year 10 Parent Gathering hosted by the Christ's College Parents' Association (CCPA)

Monday 25 July, 5.30–7.30pm

We look forward to welcoming our Year 10 parents to College on Monday. Hosted by the Christ's College Parents' Association, our special Year 10 Parent Gathering includes drinks and canapés in the Chapman Room and Upper. Please dress warmly. Masks are mandatory unless guests are eating or drinking.

Key Dates for 2022

Please read our revised [Key Dates for 2022](#), providing all the information about College events and activities to the end-of-the-year.

For our boarding community, please refer to the revised [Key Boarding Dates for 2022](#).

and effective proactive health and wellbeing programmes for boys. The fact that boys are known and noticed at College is a natural protection we cannot take for granted.

Sickness and Absence Line

We ask that parents please keep their boys at home when they are unwell. It is also important that we are notified of these absences. You can call the Absence Line – 03 364 8676 – and leave a message with the following details:

- Your son's name
- Your son's year group
- Your son's House
- The reason for your son's absence

As an alternative, you can complete an [absence notification form](#). This information is also available on Schoolbox.

Staff update

During Term 2, we welcomed Liam O'Leary as the Immerse & Inspire tutor, and as a member of the PE, Health & Wellbeing department.

Early in Term 3, we will farewell Commerce teacher and Julius Deputy Housemaster Robbie Turrell. Robbie has been appointed Head of Commerce at Burnside High School. I thank Robbie for his enthusiastic contribution to College for the past 18 months. Keri Campbell has been appointed as Deputy Housemaster and Logan Ball will join us as a Commerce teacher. Logan comes from Westlake Boys High School in Auckland.

This term, Carey Prebble returns to College as a Technology teacher following maternity leave.

Chapel Services

Sunday 31 July
Sunday 14 August
Sunday 28 August
Sunday 18 September

At this time of year, things start to move in and around staffing as people look to their future. With this in mind and with mixed emotions, I wish to inform our community that Maintenance Manager Mike Tovey will retire in September, and Head of the Learning Centre & ESOL Lesley Anderson-McKenna, Assistant Director of Drama, TIC Art History Robyn Peers, and Technology teacher Gavin Love will all retire at the end of the year, with each having made excellent contributions to College over many years.

Also, after being in the role since 2004, Craig Aitken will step down as Somes Housemaster at the end of the year. The current and past community of Somes will miss Craig's remarkable presence in their lives as a role model and pastoral leader.

Enrolments

The demand for places at Christ's College continues to climb, and we will be interviewing siblings of present students – for 2024 entry – later this year.

If you have not enrolled your son, please do so immediately by [applying on our website](#).

Register 2021

Members of our boarding community will receive their copies of *Register 2021* via post by the end of these school holidays. Our dayboy families will receive their copies via their sons in the first week of Term 3. *Register 2021* provides an annual record of the school and involves an incredible amount of work by those who create the content and edit and produce the final copy. I would particularly like to acknowledge Advancement team members Jessica Tabke, Jocelyn Johnstone and Martine Cusack. Thank you also to the many contributors to this wonderful record of College life.

Face masks

Following further consideration and in response to the evolving Covid-19 situation, ongoing advice from health professionals and our desire to protect members of our community from the risk of illness, we will continue to require that masks be worn by boys and staff when indoors, unless eating or drinking, particularly when in classes when we start Term 3. This will be reviewed at the end of August after winter has passed.

For Chapel services, Congregational singing and Assemblies, masks will be worn unless presenting. Boys need to have a clean mask readily available at all times and be prepared to wear them when asked to do so by any staff member.

In Term 3, mask exemptions carried by students will need to be [approved by parents](#) and such approval advised to our Health Centre by an email [by the commencement of term](#). Email: healthcentre@christscollege.com.

This collated list will be provided to all staff. Boys who are exempt must have a lanyard (available from College reception) displaying their exemption at all times.

Any failure to wear a lanyard at school will automatically require mask wearing.

It must be appreciated that mask wearing is not about YOU, the wearer, but about protecting OTHERS from an illness you may be inadvertently spreading. The positive impact of wearing masks – once introduced last term – was statistically meaningful.

I anticipate the full support of our community with this health-focused stance.

Upcoming Events

Please visit the [Upcoming Events page](#) on our website to book or register for each event.

Term 3

Years 12–13 NCEA – Parent/teacher/student meetings by appointment (NO CLASSES for Years 9–13), online only

Monday 25 July,
8:30am–5pm

Year 10 Parent Gathering hosted by the Christ's College Parents' Association

Monday 25 July, 5.30–7.30pm

Centre for Ethics & Spirituality – The Climate Emergency presented by David Newton and Professor David Frame

Thursday 4 August,
7pm

REACTION House Plays Festival

Tuesday 16 August &
Thursday 18 August,
6.30–9.30pm

Term 4

Parents' Association Pink Lunch

Thursday 27 October,
12–2pm

Years 12–13 Prize-giving

Friday 28 October,
4–5.30pm

Leavers' Chapel Service

Friday 28 October, 6pm

College Hoops Big Night Out

Saturday 20 August,
6–11.30pm

Year 9 Father & Son Breakfast, Dining Hall

Saturday 3 September,
8.15–9.30am

College Senior Ball

Saturday 17 September,
7.30–11pm

Boarding House dinners

Friday 23 September

Years 10–11 Diploma meetings – Parent/teacher/student meetings by appointment (NO CLASSES for Years 9, 12–13)

Friday 23 September

Year 11 Semi-Formal

Saturday 29 October,
7.30–10.30pm

Years 9–11 Prize-giving

Thursday 1 December,
4–5.30pm

Carols on the Quad

Thursday 1 December,
6pm

Leavers' Ball

Saturday 3 December,
7.30–11pm



Christ's College Board Appointment

Christ's College – one of the leading independent schools in New Zealand – is a day and boarding school affiliated with the Anglican Church of New Zealand, teaching boys from Years 9 to 13.

Since 1850, College has prepared generation after generation of young men for success in an ever-changing world. We strive to instil in our students the skills, attitudes and character attributes they need to succeed in life, while being mindful of the needs of others and adhering to the core Christian virtues of honesty, respect and compassion.

We have a clear vision at College to educate boys to be virtuous men who make a positive contribution to society. Our mission: *Each boy at his best.*

The Christ's College Board of Governors (Board) is seeking to appoint two additional members. The successful applicants will have an integral role in the ongoing strategic direction and leadership of Christ's College.

The successful applicant will have skills and competencies that complement those of the current Board Members and should share the Board's vision for College to be an innovative and aspirational school for boys. A genuine interest in College and engagement in the work of College and the Board are expected.

Candidates should email a cover letter outlining their skills and experience, plus a copy of their curriculum vitae, to Deputy Chair Jeremy Johnson at jeremy.johnson@bankside.co.nz

This is an unpaid role.

Confidential inquiries can be made to Jeremy Johnson on 027 418 1654.

Applications close on Tuesday 9 August 2022.